

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Tang et al.

Application No. 10/696,165

Filed: October 28, 2003

Confirmation No. 7628

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES HAVING
CONTACT PLUGS AND LOCAL
INTERCONNECTS AND METHODS FOR
MAKING THE SAME

Examiner: Nema O. Berezny

Art Unit: 2813

Attorney Reference No. 6047-64397-01

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Indep. Claims	3	3**	= 0	\$88.00	\$ 0.00
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Two-month Extension of Time					\$430.00
Three-month Extension of Time					\$980.00
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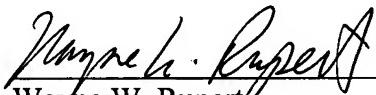
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AMENDMENT

This responds to the Office action dated July 20, 2004. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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